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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3187

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 107782

(B) STATE 107164

ON SUBJECT 35 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD PANAMANIAN SHIP,  
EMBASSY SENT FOLLOWING NOTE VERBALE TO PHILIPPINE DFA MAY  
9, IN LIEU OF UTTERLY INEPT LANGUAGE PROVIDED REF B:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND HAS THE  
HONOR TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL ASSUME RESPONSI-  
BILITY FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PICKED UP IN INTERNATIONAL  
WATERS OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM BY AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS.  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS INFORMING ALL AMERICAN SHIPPING  
LINES OF THIS POLICY. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD ADVISE THE EMBASSY  
OF ANY AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS CALLING IN PHILIPPINE PORTS  
WHICH MAY BE CARRYING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES SO IT MAY ASSUME  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT.

CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY, THE UNITED STATES CON-  
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SIDERS THAT REFUGEES PICKED UP BY VESSELS OF OTHER FLAGS

ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THOSE VESSELS ARE REGISTERED, OR COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE LANDED FROM SUCH VESSELS. THIS POLICY WOULD APPLY TO THE THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD THE PANAMANIAN VESSEL S.S. EURYBATES, WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN PORT IN MANILA, WHO WERE THE SUBJECT OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY ROMULO AND AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN ON MAY 5, 1975. IF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, FOR COMPASSIONATE REASONS, DECIDES TO PERMIT THESE REFUGEES TO LAND IN MANILA, IT IS THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION ARE BOTH PREPARED TO BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE IN THEIR RESETTLEMENT.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END QUOTE.  
SULLIVAN

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